

Remarks/Arguments

The foregoing amendments are in response to the Final Office Action dated August 17, 2004. The Examiner is thanked for the allowance of claims 10 - 16.

At the time of the Office Action, claims 2 - 7 and 9 - 18 were pending in this application.

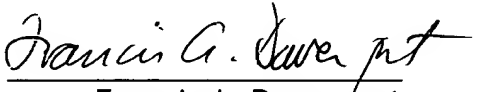
Claims 2 - 7, 9, 17 and 18 are cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 10 - 16 are allowed.

In view of the preceding claim cancellations, the present application is in condition for allowance which is respectfully requested.

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